

himself Thomas Cuff) to be free when he should serve seventeen years & and nine months from the date of my said manumission. And the said negro man named Thomas Cuff having made application to me for a Certificate of his freedom agreeably to the acts of Assembly in such case made and provided, And whereas also upon the oath of William F. Chilton of Caroline County aforesaid, that the said negro man named Thomas Cuff for whom this certificate is made is the same person mentioned in the said manumission. And that he is now free. I do therefore grant his said application and hereby certify that from his own account he is now about thirty five years of age, five feet five inches high or thereabouts of a light chestnut complexion, was born and raised in Caroline County aforesaid & has no notable marks or scars that I have observed. In testimony whereof, I hereunto subscribe my name  
 Seal of Caroline County and affix the Seal of Caroline County Court this  
 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 1846.

James H. Fontaine, Clerk of Caroline County

State of Maryland, Caroline County to wit: Whereas application hath been made to me by a negro man named John Thomas Cooper for a certificate of his freedom agreeably to the acts of Assembly in such case made and provided, by which said acts free negroes and mulattoes are permitted to travel out of this State upon the obtention of a certificate of being free born. And whereas also upon the oath of John G. Faulkner of Caroline County aforesaid, that the said negro man named John Thomas Cooper for whom this certificate is made, was free born. I do therefore grant his said application and hereby certify that from his own account he is now about twenty two years of age, five feet seven inches high or thereabouts, of a black complexion, was born and raised in Caroline County aforesaid, & has a large scar on his breast near his throat, & has another scar on his left arm near the wrist, and has no other notable marks or scars than I have observed.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto subscribe my name